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A Sad Case.

The case of the young woman who gave birth to a child in the police station excites sympathy. This is natural and creditable. Also it excites ill-advised comment. Perhaps this too is natural. When our sympathies are appealed to we do not always invite reason to the judgment seat.

The case was distinctively a charity case. We have no hospital in Wheeling necessarily open to an emergency case of this kind. If it be thought that we should have such a hospital, then there is an opening for new philanthropic endeavor. There would be less trouble to keep full such an institution than there would be to sustain it. The hospitals we have are not kept going easily.

The lot of the young woman here spoken of is hard. That which happened to her in Wheeling is not the hardest part of it. That is to come. It will not be shared by the man who, if not the author of it all, is at least her partner in this part of it. An institution for men of that kind would be very different from a hospital; but this phase of such cases does not bother society much.

Bank men who go wrong are showing a preference for the suicide route. If they were to think of that earlier it would be better.

Work for Convicts.

New York has on its hands 3,000 penitentiary convicts for whom it is trying to find work not forbidden by law. With the beginning of the present year there went into effect a constitutional provision which forbids the making of articles by convict labor which come into competition with similar products of free labor. The convicts will be allowed to make articles for prison use, but this leaves about two-thirds of them out of employment.

This is a very grave situation. Nothing more cruel could well be imposed on convicts. They feel it and beg for work. Men who in a state of freedom resorted to any shift to keep from working, now ask piteously to be saved from the horror of prison idleness. The government of the prison, never an easy task, becomes a more serious problem. The authorities do not know just how they are going to meet it.

The competition of prison-made goods with the products of free labor has worked hardship in many branches of industry. This problem is solved by putting an end to the competition. But the solution of one problem creates another not so easy to meet. New York's effort will be watched with interest.

Whether Spain or Cuba wins it will take many a year to recover what the island has lost. If Spain wins it will take longer.

A Peculiar Commonwealth.

The first of January edition of the Rocky Mountain News, published at Denver, Colorado, is a magnificent specimen of a great newspaper. The News is a good paper every day in the year, but every short while there is an occasion on which it surpasses itself. The first of the new year is always such an occasion. After the manner of the Chicago papers it then gets into a boom edition and resolves itself into a cyclopedia of boundless information in regard to all that appertains to the prosperity and glory of Colorado and the adjacent region. So it was this first of January. Hence we have before us a large thirty-two paged paper, filled with statistics and resumes as to what has been accomplished in the various fields of production for that state is noted, during the year 1896.

Some people think of Colorado as purely a mining region. In fact it was called a "mining camp" in the late campaign. And quite generally, too, it is looked upon as in the main a silver mining camp. The silver craze prevailed out there to such a degree of violence in the late campaign that it is no wonder the average citizen made this mistake. A mistake it certainly is to entertain any such idea of Colorado, for, as between gold and silver production, it is a gold state. That is to say, it produces one-third more gold than silver, measured in value. In other words, it produced last year sixteen and a half millions of gold against about twelve millions of silver. Therefore, if it is anything in particular as a metallic state, it is a gold state, and one would suppose should have at least fairly divided its vote between the "gold bugs" and "silver beetles" on the third of November, instead of giving seven-eighths of it to the cross and crown man.

When we consider that Colorado has only just come of age as a state in the Union the showing that it makes of progress and prosperity is remarkable. We refer to its progress in all particulars, save of course, in politics. Like Kansas and Nebraska, it got a good start from the Republican party and then deserted. Judging from the superior development of its gold and its agriculture, as also of its coal and iron, it will find its way back into the fold by 1900. A state producing three and a half million tons of coal, and over seven and a half million dollars

worth of steel and iron product, saying nothing of its output of copper and lead, and twenty-two and a half million dollars worth of agricultural product, is naturally a Republican state.

Before the war the then unnamed area now known as Colorado was put down on the maps as part of the "American desert." But for its mines it would have been practically unsettled to-day. Nobody dreamed of its possibilities in the way of agriculture. And yet, by the hand of science, it has become an agricultural state of no mean importance. Through irrigation—through the tapping of its rivers and reservoirs of its mountain streams—it has been made to produce wheat and grass and potatoes, oats, barley and garden product to the amount of the vast sum named. And in this manner has a country denied "its early and its latter rains," and given over to sunshine and dry air for two-thirds of the year, been actually made to produce crops more reliably than we can produce them here in the Ohio Valley with forty inches of rainfall.

The valley of the Nile in Egypt has its counterparts in the valleys of the Arkansas and of the Platte, in Colorado. By irrigation canals an alkali soil can be made almost alluvial in its productiveness. This phase of agriculture is not peculiar to Colorado by any means, but is being carried on in New Mexico, Arizona and, in fact, clear through to the Pacific coast. Millions of acres of land are thus brought under cultivation, and we are not surprised to read in the News that they command from \$20 to \$100 per acre, according to location. With a foundation like this for its prosperity the state of Colorado can afford to dismiss its silver craze and return to rational political views. All indications point to the likelihood that she is to be the leading producer of gold in this country. In the next year or two she will probably produce one-half of our fifty millions output.

The world is producing gold now at a rate undreamed of a few years ago. During McKinley's term a thousand millions will probably be added to the stock of the world, and this means that silver will come down in price, just as it has come down to 65 cents from \$1.25, until even Bryan will not have the check in 1900 to advocate making a dollar out of 271 grains. By that time this young commonwealth will have such an abundance of prosperity from all her varied resources that she will not specialize one of them as she did last year and try to make a national issue of it. In other words, like South Carolina she will have had her experience and be done with her foolishness.

If Spain can suppress the revolt in the Philippines she may then be able to accomplish something in Cuba. The Philippine trouble is only a little one in comparison, but Spain has not shown herself strong enough to do it.

The Newspaper Interview.

The late Editor McCullagh, of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, goes down into history as the inventor of the newspaper interview. The idea struck him while he was a Washington correspondent. It was a good thought.

Newspaper readers liked it and public men found it very convenient. Less formal than a signed article, affording more room "to turn round in," there is no better vehicle than the interview for conveying information and thought. A bright interviewer makes even a dull man appear to advantage.

The good points of the interview were slow to be appreciated in Europe, but the thing has taken hold there and is well thought of. Men in every high place abroad make use of it, though not to the same extent as in this country. Here the President often finds the interview just to his hand. In this case it is very carefully prepared and as carefully revised.

If the inventor could have received a small fraction of a cent royalty on every interview he would have had money enough to put him at the head of a trust.

A Kentucky octogenarian wanted to be buried in a stone coffin, asked that his mortal remains be saturated in a barrelful of Bourbon whisky, and to give him the good of the same he stipulated that the coffin be hermetically sealed. And accordingly it was so done. Here we have another brilliant instance of "the ruling passion strong in death." If that man had looked not upon the Bourbon he might have lived to a ripe old age.

It is thought that Mr. Platt has enough votes to make him the next United States senator from New York. If he has not enough now he will have by the time he needs them. No others need apply. Mr. Platt is not the kind of politician to wait till the last minute to make sure of what he wants. He leaves that kind of politics to the kindergarten politicians who are grooming Mr. Choate.

Our good friend the Register is kindly but firmly informed that "the final months of the McKinley tariff" came along after a Democratic President and a Democratic Congress has been chosen, and were under the dark shadow of those clouds. So it happened that the McKinley tariff law was considerably modified before it was repealed.

The railroads expect better business. This is the meaning of their large orders for equipment. The railroad business is a pretty good barometer, and the managers of that business are close observers of conditions.

Sam Jones tells Boston that it is "within half a mile of hell." Brother Jones should have a care. He may fall in.

If we go to war with Spain we can fight her deficit with ours. That will be a pretty sight.

Woman and the Starry Banner.

New York Evening World: Mrs. Lillie Devereux Blake, the honored head of the woman suffragists of this country, was charmingly "called down" by Mrs. Donald McLean, president of the Daughters of the Revolution, at a dinner given at the Tuxedo hall. Mrs. Blake said "woman's flag had but four glittering stars, representing Wyoming, Colorado, Utah and Idaho."

"I care not what you say, Mrs. President," Mrs. McLean replied a few minutes later. "You may if you please say that you have no flag. But I live under a flag that I am proud to own as mine. Woman is the spirit of the home. The homes make the country, and the flag of this country of glorious homes is a woman's flag, now and always."

Mrs. McLean also said that every woman needed two men about her, a man which the doctors are still trying to fathom, but the number of men is a mere bagatelle when it comes to a matter of stars in the American flag, and we are

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CHILDREN AS STREET CLEANERS. A Novel Work Inaugurated in Boston Among Young Folks. Ladies' Home Journal: That is a splendid work which has been started in Boston; the formation of a number of the school-children into a juvenile street-cleaning brigade. Every member is pledged to pick up stray pieces of paper which he may see on the street, and deposit them in receptacles provided by the city at convenient points.

"WHERE ROLLS THE OREGON." Wonderful Significance of the Opening of the Cascade Locks. New York Mail and Express: The formal opening, a few weeks ago, of the Cascade locks in the Columbia river was an event which the Portland Oregonian may well be excused for celebrating with such exuberance of joy and profusion of colored ink.

With the exception of the "father of waters" himself, there is not in North America a more important or so important to commerce, as Bryant's "rolling Oregon," of which, however, the poet had probably no adequate conception when he wrote "Thanatopsis." Over 1,000 miles inland the Columbia has depth enough to float an ocean steamer. The removal of one more obstruction to the rapids at the Dalles—will open to navigation 1,750 miles of navigable waters in the Columbia and its tributaries. The Columbia drains fully 300,000 square miles, an area four times as large as New England. Between the great "inland empire" of four rich states and the sea there now remains only the stretch of eight miles of rapids at the Dalles, and around this obstruction the government is building a ship railway. Within a few years the northwestern metropolis will be celebrating another "opening," and the commerce of the majestic river will then go from the foothills of the Rockies "unvexed to the sea."

Another great government work, completed almost simultaneously with the Cascade locks, and destined to affect almost as intimately the commercial interests of Portland, is the great jetty extending out from Point Adams, at the mouth of the Columbia. This jetty, the longest in the world, thrusts itself boldly into fifteen feet wide on top, and is confined, keeps open a deep and natural gateway to the sea, besides providing a safe fresh water harbor. The largest vessels afloat may now enter the Columbia and moor at the docks of Portland, 100 miles from the sea.

B. & O. COAL BUSINESS. Getting Traffic Away From Its Competitors—A Shrewd Move. The Baltimore News says: The Baltimore and Ohio road's activity in the soft coal business is causing considerable anxiety to its competitors and seems likely to involve the bituminous coal trade in some kind of a struggle. Competitors of Baltimore and Ohio say that its policy seems to be to grab tonnage on any terms all the time. The company, as is well known, has increased its gross business largely in the last few months, but it is said by some that net earnings have not improved at all.

Omnipresent. Tell me, ye winged winds, That round my pathway sit, Know'st thou a spot where, O'er the world, mortals say not "NIT"? Tell me, ye winged winds, Must I then straightway thaw me, Must I forever bear "Just tell them that—"? Tell me, ye winged winds, A whisper will suffice— Know ye of no sylvan nook Devold of "Cuts no ice"?

Some valley in the west, Where lone and pleasant dell, Where, free from care and pain, One hears not "What tell"?

Tell me, thou mighty deep, Whose billows round me play, Know'st thou a spot where, O'er the world, mortals say not "NIT"? Some island far away, Whose waves about me lave, Where one may never hear "Come off—you take the cake"?

And thou, serenest moon, Ere seaward you sink, Didst ever note a place Bereft of "I don't think"?

Doat look upon the earth, Asleep in night's embrace, And note a spot where ne'er "Is heard "Oh, close your face"?"

THE winged winds, the mighty deep, The fair moon's palest shewn, Whispered in turn the same reply, Alas! "Nay, nay, Pauline!"

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